



Congressman Jason Crow Service Academy Nomination Application Information 2019-2020 School Year

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Service Academy Information

Each year, Members of Congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications: good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically, and eventually, the desire to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces.

Our office will make ten nominations for each House of Representative vacancy at:

- The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Military academy, West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

Nominations will be awarded based on the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee and Congressman Jason Crow. The nominating process begins with the accompanying application packet. All required forms and documents must be on file in Congressman Jason Crow’s office by the deadline: **October 1st, 2019**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Nominations will be announced before the end of the year.

After the awarded nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

It is strongly encouraged that you indicate as many alternate choices as you are allotted. Give yourself the benefit of every opportunity! Please read this application packet thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Do not hesitate to call our office with any questions or concerns: (720) 748-7514

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an appointment to any service academy, applicants must meet the following statutory criteria:

- American citizenship
- At least 17 years of age and not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year the applicant would enter an academy (25 years old for the USMMA)
- Unmarried
- Not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents

In addition to statutory requirements, each academy has established academic, physical, and leadership requirements for admission. Candidates for appointment to each academy must:

- Demonstrate comprehensive academic preparation
- Demonstrate leadership, athletic ability, and participation in extracurricular activities
- Take the SAT and/or the ACT assessment
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Pass a comprehensive medical examination
- Pass a physical aptitude examination

Specific requirements in each of the academic, physical, and leadership categories vary by academy and are revised regularly. In preparation for making appointments, a Congressional office might review each academy's most recent class profile for specific information on scores, class rankings and activities of recently admitted students. Some of this information is available on the website for each academy.

To be eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy, you **MUST** follow two procedures at the same time; apply to the service academy and receive a Congressional Nomination.

Service Academy Nomination Application

In addition to requesting a nomination from a Member of Congress or another nominating official, individuals seeking appointment to a service academy must separately apply to each service academy in which he or she seeks to be appointed. Each academy requires the submission of a preliminary application to initiate the admission process. Preliminary application materials and additional information are available from each academy website listed below, as well as their respective representatives. Acceptance of a service academy nomination requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

Please note, receiving a nomination from the Congressman does not guarantee your acceptance into an academy. Similarly, receiving an acceptance to an academy does not guarantee a nomination from the Congressman.

United States Naval Academy USNA Candidate Guidance Office
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions>

United States Air Force Academy Admissions Office
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
<http://academyadmissions.com>

United States Military Academy Admissions Office
600 Thayer Road West Point, NY 10996-9902
<http://admissions.usma.edu>

United States Merchant Marine Academy
Office of Admissions Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.shtml>



Congressman Jason Crow Service Academy Nomination Application Checklist 2019-2020 School Year

- **Nomination Application Packet Deadline** - The deadline for submitting a complete application packet to the office of Congressman Jason Crow is **October 1st, 2019**. Early submission is encouraged. A complete application packet consists of an application, photograph, SAT or ACT scores, writing sample, resume, official transcripts and three letters of recommendation.
- **Application and Photograph** – Please include a recent photo in the space provided.
- **Standardized Test Scores** - SAT or ACT scores may be sent to the office directly from the testing center, or you may print a copy of the scores and attach them to the application. Your best scores will be considered. Please use the following codes:

SAT: 4715

ACT: 7305

- **Writing Sample** - You are required to submit answers to five short-response question as well as one longer 300-word essay. All responses should be typed, single-spaced and in 12pt. Times New Roman font.
- **Transcript(s)** - Official transcripts, including your current GPA, numerical class rank and complete course listing, must be submitted in a sealed envelope.
*If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational institute, a transcript will need to be provided from that school/university.
**If you are a college freshman and your grades have not been released, you must obtain a letter from each teacher which reflects your academic performance thus far.
- **Letters of Recommendation** - Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted by each applicant. It is recommended that one be from a math teacher, one from a science teacher and one may come from a coach or someone who is not related to you from outside of school.
***Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by the person making the recommendation.*
- **Citizen Advisory Board Interview**- A panel of qualified experts will evaluate applicants' aptitude for a nomination and submit their recommendations to Congressman Crow. Please note: not all applicants will be invited to interview with the Board.
- **Point of Contact** - Aly DeWills Marcano

The Office of Congressman Jason Crow

(720) 770-6034

Aly.DeWills-Marcano@mail.house.gov



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All applications must be submitted in person or by mail to the Congressman's office.

Congressman Jason Crow
Attn: Aly DeWills-Marcano
3300 S Parker Rd Suite 100
Aurora, CO 80014

Application for Nomination to a United States Service Academy

Name (last, first, middle):

Permanent Address:

Social Security Number:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Phone:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Phone:

Please answer the following questions:

Are you a US citizen?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Colorado's 6th District?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have 20/20 vision?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not have 20/20 vision, is it correctable?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Height:

Weight:

We require that you rank your academy preference from 1-5, with 1 being your first choice.

NOTE: Selecting only one academy is NOT recommended as it limits your options.

___ U.S. Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, CO

___ U.S.M.A West Point – West Point, NY

___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, NY

___ U.S. Naval Academy – Annapolis, MD

High School:

Date of Graduation:

Name of Academic Counselor:

GPA:

Out of:

Class Ranking:

Out of:

SAT Scores

Date (s) Taken:

Verbal: _____

Mathematics: _____

ACT Scores

Date (s) Taken: _____

English: _____

Mathematics: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Composite: _____

You do not need to take both tests; however, you must provide official copies of either your SAT or ACT scores. To access your scores and have them sent to our office, visit the respective online portal and follow the given instructions using the following codes: **7305 (ACT)** or **4715 (SAT)**. If you have not yet taken these examinations, please list 7305 (ACT) or 4715 (SAT) as one of the recipients of your scores at that time. If you prefer, you may print out your official SAT or ACT scores and attach them to your application.

For more information about how to submit your test scores please visit the following websites:

ACT: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores/how-to-send>

Please answer all questions completely (use another sheet of paper if necessary)

What specific awards and honors have you received?

What extracurricular activities have you participated in throughout high school? Do you have any experience with military organizations like JROTC or Civil Air Patrol? Please indicate years of participation and your role in the organization. 1=Freshman, 2=Sophomore, 3=Junior, 4=Senior):

What community activities and volunteer work have you participated in? Please indicate when you started and ended (if applicable), your role, and how many hours per week you volunteered.

What is your work experience? Please indicate when your job started and ended (if applicable), your role, and how many hours per week you worked.

Do you have any other applicable experience that you wish to share with our office?

Recommendation Letter Process

Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted by each applicant. It is recommended that one be from a math teacher, one from a science teacher and one may come from a coach or someone who is not related to you from outside of school. **Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal by the person making the recommendation.**

Recommendation letters should be mailed or returned to the district office by the application due date. Letters should address specific instances of leadership and/or academic excellence in the classroom.

Please have all letters sent to the following address:

The Office of Congressman Jason Crow
Attn: Aly DeWills-Marcano
3300 S. Parker Rd. Suite 100
Aurora, CO
80014

Personal Statement

Please provide a personal statement in no more than 300 words explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to a service academy.

